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SUBJECT: NARCOTICS: HARD DRUG SEIZURES DURING MAY.

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1. FOLLOWING SEIZURES OF HARD DRUGS WERE NOTED DURING MONTH OF MAY. EMBASSY EMPHASIZES THAT THIS LISTING COMPILED FROM VARIETY OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SOURCES AND, THEREFORE, NOT NECESSARILY COMPLETE. EMBASSY CANNOT VOUCH FOR ACCURACY OF THAT PART OF INFORMATION BASED ON NEWSPAPER REPORTS.

2. RESUME OF SEIZURES AS FOLLOWS:

(A) NOVEDADES OF MAY 12 REPORTED ARREST OF USC STEVEN EDWARD WALTERS AT MEXICO CITY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN POSSESSION OF 300 GMS. OF " PURE" COCAINE.

(B) MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICE SEIZED 8.2 KGMS OF OPIUM IN ACAPULCO AREA ON MAY 12; ARRESTED WERE JOSE IRENE FIGUEROA CABRERA, PEDRO ZARATE FIGUEROA, MAXIMO MONJE ABARCA AND RENULFO MENDEZ AVILA.

(C) MAY 17 NOVEDADES REPORTED ARREST IN TECATE OF BENITO VENGARA GONZALEZ, ENRIQUE ROJO ACOSTA AND BEATRIZ LUGO BAEZ AND SEIZURE OF 647 GMS. OF " PURE " HEROIN.

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(D) MAY 17 NOVEDADES ALSO REPORTED ARREST IN NOGALES OF GULLERMO LANDABASSO NUNEZ AND SEIZURES OF 1 KGM. OF HEROIN WHICH HE REPORTEDLY PURCHASED NEAR MAZATLAN FOR \$32 THOUSAND DOLLARS.

(E) ON MAY 22, MARIO RUBIO ESQUIVEL ARRESTED ON TRAIN BETWEEN GUAYMAS AND HERMOSILLO IN POSSESSION OF 400 GMS. OF COCAINE.

(F) ON MAY 24 COLOMBIAN NATIONAL THOMAS VENEGAS SALDARRIAGA ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 3 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

(G) ON MAY 30 COLOMBIAN NATIONAL ANGEL DARIO VELEZ RESTREPO ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 3.5 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

(H) ON MAY 30 COLOMBIAN NATIONAL HUGO DE JESUS LOAISA ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 6 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

(I) ON MAY 31 COLOMBIAN NATIONAL PEDRO LEON TORO SUAREZ ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 2 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

(J) ON MAY 31 MEXICAN NATIONALS CARMEN HUERTA DE LEYVA AND ANGEL LEYVA RIVERA ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 2.940 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

(K) ON MAY 31 MEXICAN NATIONALS JOSE SERGIO ANTONIO OSORIO SILVA AND LIDIA MEZA ALSPURO ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF 10.5 KGMS. OF COCAINE.

3. TOTAL SEIZURES OF 28.640 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 1.647 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AND 8.2 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM COMPARE WITH 7.8, 2.712 AND 10 KILOGRAMS IN RESPECTIVE CATEGORIES REPORTED SEIZED DURING APRIL (REFTEL).

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